

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, May 16, 2001
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Clark County Public Works Department
Conference Room
4700 NE 78th Street
Vancouver, Washington

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Robbie Agard, Willie Bourlet, Cal Ek, Dana Kemper, Mary Martin, Susan Rasmussen, Don Steinke, Art Stubbs, and Peter Tuck

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost, Sam Giese, Earl Rowell, and Rod Swanson

Facilitator

Alex Cousins, Jeanne Lawson Associates

Guest Presenter

Dewey Weaver, Washington Department of Ecology

Audience

Matt Brady, Brian Fainbroth, Blaine Garner, Sean Houston, Jeremy Huntley, Tim Johnson, Bill Meyer, Jacob Pont, David Port, Roddy Potter, Jeffrey Schachterle, Randy Schachterle, Brady Stoddard, and Al Tu

Introduction:

The members of the Clark County Clean Water Commission, Clark County staff, facilitator, guest and audience, were introduced. Chair, Commissioner Kemper, then called the meeting to order.

Agenda and material review:

The material for tonight's meeting include:

1. 5/16/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Agenda;
- 1B. 5/16/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Agenda;
2. 5/16/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Meeting Notes;
- 2B. 5/16/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission Work Session Notes;
3. Monitoring Water Quality with Students – NatureMapping Water Module Data Entry Training;
4. Newspaper Article from, The Columbian, Thursday, May 3, 2001;

- 5. Clark County Clean Water Commission Program and Activities;
- 5B. Clark County Clean Water Commission Objectives;
- 5C. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals;
- 5D. Clark County Clean Water Commission Goals;
- E-mails exchanged between Mr. Bourlet and Mr. Rowell.
- Letter dated, April 19,2001 from Washington Department of Ecology;
- Copy of United States District Court for the Western District of Washington At Tacoma, Clark County Natural Resources Council and Thomas McConathy plaintiffs, v. Clark County; and
- Copies of the definitions of incentive, credit, and reward from the Merriam Webster Dictionary.

Updates/Communications from the public/media/agencies:

Mr. Rowell: From the news article in your packet of materials; there are many home owners in the Clark County area that are unaware of the erosion control requirements that are placed on properties.

5/2/01 notes:

The notes from the 5/02/01 Clark County Clean Water Commission meeting were approved as written.

Possible motion to approve or reject CWP Fee Incentive #2: allow a reduction for infrequently used facilities.

Mr. Bourlet: It is difficult to charge a facility like Chelatchie Prairie who is not making any money because it is empty. I also think granges in the rural area that are used only once a month should be considered as well. Staff needs to come back and give us some answers regarding legal ramifications of this incentive.

Mr. Ek: We need to define the term infrequently used.

Mr. Agard: I'm all for helping out granges, and small rural churches, but I see no way that we can monitor or define it.

Motion 2001-0516-07: Move to allow a reduction for infrequently used facilities.

Motion fails

Motion 2001-051608: Move that infrequently be defined as once a week.

Motion fails

Mrs. Martin: I'm not in favor of putting a facility, that the public uses, in a situation where they limit access because they may have to pay a higher clean water fee.

Motion 2001-0516-09: Move to have County staff explore if there is a legal way to provide relief to infrequently used facilities.

Motion passed

Motion 2001-0516-10: Move to add a page of information on do's and don'ts, for the home owner about keeping pollution out of the water, to the clean water fee billing.

Motion passed

Public Input

Audience: How many households do you serve?

Mr. Rowell: About 54,000 customers.

Presentation

Mr. Weaver from the Washington Department of Ecology gave a presentation on the Status of the Development of Monitoring Requirements for the Phase I Stormwater General Permit.

Public Input

Audience: What is your main purpose for being here?

Mr. Kemper: Our main purpose is to ensure that the water is clean. We want to make sure that any water we are collecting from our roofs, roadways, or anywhere else is clean before it is deposited in the ground or water bodies. We are part of a Citizen Advisory Committee to oversee the work of the clean water program in Clark County.

Audience: I live out in the Hockinson area, are we affected by this too?

Mr. Kemper: Yes, this does cover the Hockinson area.

Audience: Do you do any deep well monitoring?

Mr. Kemper: At this time our main concern is stormwater runoff.

Adjourn

Mr. Kemper adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

June: Clean Water Fee bills mailed.

July 3rd Last work session with Vaughn Brown, Facilitator. *Note meeting day is changed due to a Holiday on the regularly scheduled meeting day.

July: Clean Water Fee bills due.

September: Begin work on 2003-2004 budget

September: Begin/revisit looking at the process for developing the Annual report and Modifications to the ordinance.